

Negative.—Mr. Speaker, Hawkins, Gough, Millard, Harris, McClean, Maxcy, Estep, Beckett, Dalrymple, J. Edelen, Chapman, Rogerson, Teackle King, R. C. Edelen, Peach, Duvall, Carroll, Tingle, Barnes, Boon, Howard, Lee, Lansdale—25 Resolved in the affirmative

The clerk of the senate returns the bill supplementary to the act, entitled, An act relating to the treasurers of the state, on the eastern and western shore, the clerks of the court of appeals, the clerks of the several county courts, the clerk of the city court of Baltimore, the register in chancery, and the registers of wills, endorsed "will pass" Ordered to be engrossed The resolutions approving of the administration of James Monroe, endorsed "assented to" And a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate St. Mary's Orphan Female School in the city of Baltimore, endorsed "will pass," which was read

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the question was put, That the bill to provide for the revenue of this state be postponed until Tuesday? Determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the same.

Mr. Steele moved to recommit the bill, with instructions to apportion the tax in conformity with the bill of last session chapter 150? Determined in the negative. The bill was then passed and sent to the senate

The amendment to the bill for the relief of John Middleton, was read the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The amendment to the resolution in favour of Alexander Robertson, was read the second time and assented to

Mr. Howard reports a bill, entitled, An act for the establishment and support of public schools in the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Chapman reports a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors.

Mr. Kemp reports a bill, entitled, An act for the purchase of the office papers formerly belonging to the surveyors office of Frederick county.

Mr. Wright delivers the following report:

The committee to whom were referred the petition of Alexander Watters, of Queen-Anne's county, praying for remuneration for timber furnished by him for the erection of a bridge or causeway across Kent-Island Narrows, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, That from the facts set forth in the said petition, your committee cannot see the slightest legal claim the petitioner has for remuneration. From the facts set forth it appears, that the petitioner had contracted with Butler for the delivery of the timber; &c. Your committee therefore think, he should have taken the necessary precautions to guard his interest, and not doing so, he must abide by the consequences of his negligence. No surplus of money due Butler remains in the hands of the commissioners, as is admitted by the petitioner; the contrary of which fact is the only circumstance which your committee think could justify them in reporting a bill in his favour, and thereby subject the county to an additional tax, for that which they have already fully paid for. The committee beg he have leave to withdraw his petition

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clk.

Which was concurred with.

Mr. Barnes delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Matthew Murray, of Baltimore county, praying to be released from the payment of interest money due by him to the state, having had the same under consideration, respectfully beg leave to report—That by a statement received from the treasurer of the western shore, it appears that the petitioner stands charged on the treasury books with the sum of \$2920 and 90 cents, the principle part of which is for interest due on money collected by said petitioner on account of the state. From a careful inspection of the accounts between the state of Maryland and the petitioner, your committee are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to a further credit of 241 dollars and 54 cents; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby required to credit the account of Matthew Murray, of Baltimore county, with the sum of two hundred and forty-one dollars and fifty-four cents.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Peach delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties, praying that a divisional line may be established between said counties, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report—That they have examined with much care all the documents referred to them, and after due consideration of the subject, have formed the deliberate opinion, that the county of Calvert has no just claim to any part of Anne Arundel county. There appears to be no legislative act or order in council, now on record, defining any line which is now claimed by either party. The only description of a complete line between the two counties, extending from the Chesapeake Bay to the river Patuxent, is contained in an order of the executive council on the twenty-first of July in the year 1654, so far as the division is described, which is in the following words: "Bounded on the north side with the creek on the western side of Chesapeake bay, called Herring Creek, and thence through the woods to the head of Patuxent river, being the southerly bound of Anne-Arundel county."

This description is used in an act erecting Calvert into a county, at a period when there were no counties established in the state, on the western shore, except St. Mary's and Anne Arundel — years after the first settlement of Maryland, when it is manifest from the order itself, that the country had never been explored, and that the council themselves, for want of a knowledge of the geography of the country, were ignorant of the course which the literal meaning of the description would carry the line; for, according to that description, Calvert would extend from Herring Creek, which is about fifteen miles below the city of Annapolis, up to the head of Patuxent, which your committee understand to be near the line which divides Frederick county from the upper part of Anne-Arundel, though some suppose that the words "head of Patuxent," mean the head of tide water in the Patuxent, which would be at or near Queen Anne in Prince George's county. This line never was used as the division, and in four months after the date of the order, in which it is described; an act of assembly was passed establishing a different beginning, about ten miles below a creek, in that act called Marshe's Creek, and which your committee believe to be Fishing Creek, where the present boundary begins, which has been used ever since the settlement of the country.